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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Dr. Irene H. Brodie, mayor of the Village of Robbins, as as retires after 24 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Brodie is the current, longest-serving, female, African-American mayor in the nation; her reign as mayor saw improvements in the water and sewer systems, roads and transportation, code enforcement, economic development, grant procurement, land acquisition, residential development, and public safety; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Brodie's 36-year tenure in government consists of 12 years as municipal clerk for the Village of Robbins and 24 years as the mayor; she is a longtime educator and administrator, having taught in school districts 143 1/2 and 218 and achieving the position of dean at Moraine Valley Community College; she spent 32 years of service to Moraine Valley and upon her retirement a section of Building-B was named the "Dr. Irene H. Brodie Academic Skills Center"; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Brodie's most noteworthy accomplishment is her scholarship program; it has funded the tuition costs for hundreds of students throughout the years and her individual efforts have produced teachers, lawyers, doctors, engineers,

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1 and educators around the globe; she has hired, financially
2 supported, tutored, counseled, and graduated hundreds of
3 residents from Robbins and the surrounding communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Brodie has a history of service in many
5 areas; she was the vice-president of the Illinois Municipal
6 League, executive board member and assistant secretary of the
7 National Conference of Black Mayors, and the chair of the
8 Education Committee and Scholarship Committee for the National
9 Conference of Black Mayors; she has been appointed to numerous
10 gubernatorial transition teams and has been on various State
11 and federal advisory boards; she was a member of the
12 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus under Mayor Richard Daley, served on
13 President Clinton's environmental think-tank group, and was a
14 guest lecturer at the Harvard University Graduate School of
15 Business; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Brodie is married to J. Edmon Brodie and
17 they have one child, Jeraye E. Brodie; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we honor Mayor Irene Brodie as she retires as mayor of Robbins,
21 thank her for her years of service to the community, and wish
22 her well in all her future endeavours; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Mayor Irene Brodie as an expression of our esteem
3 and respect.